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LETTERS PATENT to Pierre Molinari, of Marseilles, in the Empire of France, for the Invention of “AN IMPROVED COMPOSITION TO BE USED EXTERNALLY FOR PREVENTING SEA SICKNESS AND ILLNESS ARISING FROM SIMILAR CAUSES.”

Sealed the 16 April 1858, and dated the 15th February 1858.

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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION left by the said Pierre Molinari at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 15th February 1858.

I, PIERRE MOLINARI, of Marseilles, in the Empire of France, do hereby  
5 declare the nature of the Invention for “AN IMPROVED COMPOSITION TO BE USED EXTERNALLY FOR PREVENTING SEA SICKNESS AND ILLNESS ARISING FROM SIMILAR CAUSES,” to be as follows :—

This Invention consists in preventing sea sickness and illness arising from similar causes, by the use of a preparation which is composed of vinegar, to  
10 which rue, thyme, mint, rosemary, absinth, turmeric, the green husks of walnuts, rocou, poppy heads and potash are added. A piece of wadding or other similar material is soaked in the preparation, and applied to the pit of the stomach.

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SPECIFICATION in pursuance of the conditions of the Letters Patent, filed  
15 by the said Pierre Molinari in the Great Seal Patent Office on the 28th April 1858.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, PIERRE MOLINARI, of Marseilles, in the Empire of France, send greeting.



*Molinari's Improved Composition for Preventing Sea Sickness, &c.*

**WHEREAS** Her most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria, by Her Letters Patent, bearing date the Fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, in the twenty-first year of Her reign, did, for Herself, Her heirs and successors, give and grant unto me, the said Pierre Molinari, Her special licence that I, the said Pierre Molinari, 5 my executors, administrators, and assigns, or such others as I, the said Pierre Molinari, my executors, administrators, and assigns, should at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times thereafter during the term therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, 10 the Channel Islands, and Isle of Man, an Invention for “**AN IMPROVED COMPOSITION TO BE USED EXTERNALLY FOR PREVENTING SEA SICKNESS AND ILLNESS ARISING FROM SIMILAR CAUSES,**” upon the condition (amongst others) that I, the said Pierre Molinari, my executors or administrators, by an instrument in writing under my, or their, or one of their hands and seals, should par- 15 ticularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same was to be performed, and cause the same to be filed in the Great Seal Patent Office within six calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent.

**NOW KNOW YE**, that I, the said Pierre Molinari, do hereby declare the 20 nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement thereof, that is to say :—

This Invention consists in preventing sea sickness and illness arising from similar causes, by the use of a preparation which is composed of vinegar, to 25 which rue, thyme, mint, rosemary, absinth, turmeric, the green husks of wallnuts, rocou, poppy heads, and potash are added. A piece of wadding or other similar material is soaked in the preparation and applied to the pit of the stomach.

Having thus described the nature of my Invention, I will proceed to 30 describe more fully the manner of preparing my composition. I first soak in a pint and three quarters of vinegar for about 12 hours the following substances :—

|                    |   |   |   |                   |                        |   |   |                   |    |
|--------------------|---|---|---|-------------------|------------------------|---|---|-------------------|----|
| Rue                | - | - | - | $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. | Turmeric               | - | - | $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. |    |
| Thyme              | - | - | - | $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. | Green husks of walnuts | - | - | $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. | 35 |
| Powdered mint      | - | - | - | $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. | Rocou (annotto)        | - | - | $\frac{1}{6}$ oz. |    |
| Rosemary           | - | - | - | $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. | Potash                 | - | - | $\frac{1}{3}$ oz. |    |
| Absinth (wormwood) | - | - | - | $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. | A poppy head.          |   |   |                   |    |

After these substances have been soaked in the vinegar for 12 hours, the

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whole is boiled for half an hour, after which it is strained through fine linen ; pieces of filtering paper in four or five thicknesses, measuring about 10 inches by 7 inches, are then soaked in the solution. The pieces of paper when dry, are sewn around the edges to pieces of some light fabric, wadding being placed  
5 between the paper and the fabric, or the wadding itself may be soaked in the solution, and tapes are attached to the fabric in order to fix it to the person ; by applying pieces of paper or wadding prepared in the above manner to the pit of the stomach, sea sickness and illness arising from similar causes, such as the shaking of railway and other carriages, is prevented.

10 In witness whereof, I, the said Pierre Molinari, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Twenty-ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

PIERRE MOLINARI. (L.S.)

Witness,

15 E. REY,  
Employed at Marseilles,  
R. Peirier, 27.

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